



CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION UPDATE October 1, 2011

New CTE Professionals Workshop

The Office of Public Instruction's Career and Technical Education Specialists will be conducting a **New CTE Professionals Workshop** on Wednesday, October 19, in Great Falls, prior to the beginning of the 2011 Montana ACTE Institute. The New CTE Professionals Workshop is a free professional development opportunity designed specifically for Career & Technical Education professionals in their first, second, or third year in the classroom.

This professional development opportunity will provide teachers who are new to the classroom, as well as those with less than four years of experience, with information on a variety of topics essential for success in the career and technical education classroom including

- Montana's Big Sky Pathways Initiative and the Development of Programs of Study,
- Perkins funding,
- State CTE funding,
- Advisory boards,
- Professional development,
- Professional organizations,
- CTE and program-area standards and guidelines, and
- Career & Technical Student Organizations.

The workshop will be held at the Paris Gibson Education Center (2400 Central Avenue) from 8 am to 4 pm. The training is free of charge and lunch will be provided for attendees. Up to six OPI Renewal Units will be offered.

The registration form is currently posted on the Updates—Latest CTE Info page of the Secondary CTE area of the OPI website (www.opi.mt.gov) and can be downloaded with the following link:

http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_14

For more information, please contact the appropriate CTE program specialist:

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Fall CTE Data Collection now OPEN

The fall CTE data collection began October 1st and ends on December 31, 2011. The fall CTE data collection is a follow-up to last year's Spring CTE data collection. Students identified as CTE Concentrators who graduated last year (2010-2011 school year) must be contacted between October 1 and December 31 and have their current post-graduation status identified in the Achievement In Montana (AIM) data system. Schools who receive funding from the Carl D. Perkins federal grant program are required to complete this fall follow-up collection.



Instructions for completing the CTE data collection are located on the OPI Secondary CTE web page listed under 'Data Collections' located here: http://www.opi.mt.gov/programs/CTAE/CTE.html#gpm1_6 as well as the OPI AIM Web page.

Questions regarding the CTE data collection should be directed to the AIM Helpdesk at 1-877-424-6681 (toll-free) or e-mail opiainhelp@mt.gov Questions regarding Carl D. Perkins should be directed to Diana Fiedler, Perkins Accountability Specialist at 406.444.9019 or e-mail dfiedler@mt.gov

Agriculture Education

No update at this time.

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Business Education

Montana BPA

The beginning of fall also marks the beginning of the activities, organizing, and planning for Montana's Business Professionals of America association. The eight Montana BPA regions have started their fall advisor meetings around the state and are welcoming many new chapters, chapter advisors, and making plans for their regional leadership conferences.

The 2011-2012 Montana BPA State Officer Team is also getting into the organizing and planning mode as they begin to put all the pieces together for the 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference. The 2012 Montana BPA State Leadership Conference, entitled *Unmask Your Future*, will be held in Billings March 11-13. The officers met in Billings the first weekend of October to work on conference preparations, including the keynote speaker, workshops, and their Opening Session. Additionally, the officers have finished the fall newsletter, which can be downloaded from the Montana BPA website, and have started sending out their first Buddy Chapter letters.

Montana DECA

Montana DECA is welcoming back 11 chapters from across the state this fall and has one new chapter at Jefferson High School. We had our Annual Fall Advisor Meeting and State Officer Meeting in Helena on September 18th. The advisors set forth a plan for the upcoming year and the officers are in the process of finalizing the planning for the 2012 State Conference. This year's conference will be held at the Red Lion Colonial Inn, February 12-14th. The theme is "All or Nothing....Montana DECA".

October is the membership kick-off for DECA chapters and we are looking forward to expanding our membership in 2011-2012. October is also the host to Global Entrepreneurship Week where chapters can learn how to expand their Entrepreneurship activities.



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Montana DECA is looking forward to a fantastic year! If anyone has any questions about DECA or questions on how to get involved, they can contact Erin Weisgerber at erinweisgerber@yahoo.com."

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Health Sciences Technology Education

Montana HOSA

New State Officer Team

This year HOSA is pleased to announce five students are serving as our Montana HOSA State Officer Team. These students are as follows:

Olivia Lee – Augusta High School - President
Darby Lacey – CMR High School – Vice President
Kelsey Smith – CMR High School – Secretary
Heidi Winslow – CMR High School – Membership Chair
Gianna Khoudary – Sentinel High School – Publicity Chair

These officers met in Great Falls in September to develop the Montana Program of Work for the 2011-2012 school year. They have established strategic goals for each position as well as goals for Montana HOSA as a whole. Some areas they will focus on this year include membership growth, marketing HOSA, networking opportunities, and healthcare education opportunities for all members.

Washington Leadership Academy

National HOSA offers a unique leadership development opportunity for State HOSA Officers from around the country called the Washington Leadership Academy. Four of our Montana State Officers were able to attend this



conference. They worked all summer to find sponsorships from local businesses and healthcare industry partners to help fund their expenses. This conference is a gathering of state leaders to build awareness for HOSA, provide networking opportunities with other state HOSA leaders, and equip state officers with the skills necessary to better lead and advocate for HOSA in their home state. The conference provides the opportunity to experience leadership training, see historic Washington D.C. and spend a day on Capitol Hill meeting with Congressional Representatives.

Fall Leadership Conference

Our State Officers are busy planning this year's Fall Leadership Conference which will take place Monday, October 24th in Helena at the Montana Learning Center. This conference is designed for all chapter officers so we will have about 65 students and advisors take part in this one-day conference. The State Officers will be leading workshops for their peers on topics such as leadership, membership, program of work, fundraising, and competitive events. Additionally, the State HOSA Advisor will be leading a workshop for all the advisors to cover logistics for the year, new updates, and provide an opportunity for the advisors to network. The importance of leadership skills and running for a state officer position will also be covered.

Membership

Montana HOSA is continually growing and expanding. We are excited to welcome two new chapters so far this year in Noxon and Belgrade. These two new chapters are in addition to 10 others at Augusta, CMR, Great Falls, Sentinel, Flathead, Billings Career Center, Helena High, Ronan, Columbia Falls, and Bozeman. At the National Leadership Conference in June, Montana was recognized on stage as one of the top 5 states in the country for membership growth with 58%! We haven't seen our membership numbers yet for this fall, but we hope to pass 300 HOSA members state-wide for 2011-2012. As the demand for healthcare workers continues to grow, so will Montana HOSA!

Respectfully submitted,

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